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The Levy County Commission

1879 To 1891

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The postwar turbulence continued through this period, lasting longer than might have been expected. Adding to the unsettled times was the effect of commercial development and expansion. The Cedar Key mills were at full capacity as were various sawmills around the county. The citrus groves around Bronson and Gulf Hammock flourished, Williston grew rapidly, phosphate mining rose to prominence as did the turpentine industry. Some of the now extinct towns were booming. We present the viewpoint of the clerk who wrote the commission minutes, he was there and saw history in the making. This is not a complete and detailed account but consists of excerpts in notation form. The lists of names are included for good reason, some people wish to know precisely when an individual first appeared in the county records.

MINUTES OF LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 1879 To July 1891

March 1, 1879

Partial jury list (300 persons)
(George H. Ambrose, chairman; Samuel Quincey, Wm. Gomme, John W. Tindall, members of commission.)

Appell, Louis
Anderson, B. A.
Anderson, W. H.
Arrington, P. N.
Abercrombie, L.
Burnsed, B.
Burford, Thos.
Beck, M. A.
Beck, John C.
Butler, G. M. C.
Bryant, S. B.
Bushnell, C. B.
Blitch, W. H.
Blitch, Jesse M.
Bigham, W. H.
Beidelman, C. M.
Barnett, W. J.
Barrow, W. B.
Bunting, W. S.
Bettilini, O.
Baulknight, J. P.
Chesser, J. W.
Coulter, W. R.
Clyatt, W. W.
Cannon, Henry
Collier, James
Collier, Henry
Cason, C. W.
Coachman, Ben
Drummonds, Hade
Drummonds, C. C.
Dixon, J. M.
Debusque, A.
Epperson, W. J.
Epperson, J. B.
Flemming, John F.
Faircloth, J. S.
Faircloth, Daniel
Flemming, W. H.
Graham, David
Goldwire, Jerry
Gore, Ira J.
Gore, J. B.
Gaines, Columbus
Gambrell, J. J.
Goodey, James
Goodnight, John
Hardee, I. P.
Highsmith, S. F.
Higginbotham, O. J.
Higginbotham, Caleb
Hardee, Sylvester
Hussey, S. A.
Hall, P. W.
Hafele, C.
Inman, Dabney N.
Jackson, T. J.
Jackson, J. M.
Keene, Moses
Kirkland, O. H. P.
Knowler, J. T.
Long, A.
Lewis, L. B.
Long, D.
McGowan, J. N.
Maxwell, George
Medlin, W. R.
Morton, Warren
McGrath, J. R.
Mattair, H. P.
Mattair, I. P.
Mixson, A. R.
Mixon, Sam
Nobles, Wm.
Osteen, Sol
Plummer, J.
Philpot, R. C.
Stephens, Isham
Sebring, W. H.
Strickland, J. P.
Strobel, D. A.
Smith, Hamp
Studstill, C. A. P.
Swindall, Garrett
Sheffield, Simeon
Sistrunk, J. S.
Schlemmer, Nick
Shands, J. F.
Tedder, J. E. M.
Wellman, C.

S. A. Hussey, member of the jury list, lived somewhere between Judson and Bronson. He had migrated to Florida from South Carolina before the Civil War. While a member of the C.S.A., he was captured and spent the duration of the war in prison in Chicago. He married a Weimer. His grandson, S. A. Hussey III is a dentist in Gainesville.

March 4, 1879

John C. McGrew, tax collector, and H. P. Jackson, coroner. J. J. Meeks and wife are still on the pauper list.

The boundaries shown for District I are listed as follows: commencing where Waccasassa crosses Alachua-Levy line, following said river to a point known as the old Dixon Place, thence to Wekiva Bridge, etc.

Road Commissioners: Bronson, No. 1. W. H. Sebring, Joseph Hirst, Elias Walker; Levyville, No. 2. H. Studstill, D. L. McGown, J. S. Hardee; Otter Creek No. 3. L. J. Hogan, O. H. P. Kirkland, M. A. Beck; Gulf Hammock No. 4. Cameron, A. J. Woodward, C. B. Wingate; Hase Johnson No. 5. Columbus Gaines, T. R. King, Isham C. Stephens; No. 6. G. W. Willis, Ed C. Price, L. A. Blitch.

May 5, 1879

A. McLeod, pauper, was awarded $5.00.

May 5, 1879

There was a petition to change the road running from Cow Gully near T. D. Morgan's to White's Folly, so as to run from Cow Gully by Rattlesnake Bay, and to intersect Otter Creek Road at or near the Atkinson place. The petition was granted. The old road was kept, too.

May 5, 1879

Petition for another road was granted. The road starts at point on section line of 29832, intersecting Watermelon Pond and running due South to the public road from Bronson to Albion. Going through Sec. 5, and on the line of Andrews, Bill Swails, Boren Roberson, Smith, Faitonte's, Coulter, and Stroble, and intersecting the Albion Road at ½ mile railroad post. The road commissioners were D. Graham, B. H. Coachman and A. T. Swails.

June 2, 1879

A petition was granted to reopen the old road from Ft. Fannin to Bronson. The road commissioners were W. G. O'Regan, C. Studstill, and W. W. Wheeler. Col. J. Ira Gore is assessor. Listed as paupers were J. J. Meeks and Alma Atheling.

July 7, 1879

Petition was granted for road to commence at or near W. H. Whitehead's, and to run South East to what is known as Sand Pond, there to intersect a private road leading from the McLeod place to Peter Hales', the road to run from Peter Hale's to F. W. Blitch's, thence to J. B. Mills, and to the Marion County line. The road commissioners were John B. Epperson, J. M. Hale, and Wm. H. Whitehead.

There was at this time a road running west of Hampton Smith's and Church Pond by Prudens' and Hodges' places.

July 7, 1879

The sheriff was authorized to have a well dug and a pump installed for the jail. The cost was not to exceed $25.00.

The twin-engined steamboat Louisa shown here in the Suwannee River hauled lumber, cotton, turpentine, and general merchandise. A few of the old steamboats were equipped to carry passengers.

August 4, 1879

Petition for a road approved from Bronson by W. H. Bigham's to Wacahoota. The road commissioners were Wm. Gower, Wm. H. Bigham, S. P. Baulknight.

The sheriff was ordered to have a covering put over the new pump, and a trough for watering placed at the same location.

September 1, 1879

There was a Wekiva Bridge at the old Priest place. Now, the road goes: starting at Cow Creek and "skirting the hammock" in a northern direction, crossing Wekiva at the Morgan Bridge and intersecting the Otter Creek and White's Folly Road at Waccasassa Bridge.

Petition to change Levyville-Bronson Road, diverging from present road at or near Mr. Quincey's Blacksmith Shop and intersecting old road opposite Mr. S. F. Highsmith's.

September 1, 1879

The following is a partial list of assessment changes which were mostly raised:

James Adams
Geo. H. Ambrose
Samuel Barse
B. Burnsed
Cab Yates
J. P. DePap
C. L. Frieble
S. C. Fugate
A. E. Hodges
James Herrow
E. M. Beidelman
G. M. C. Butler
John W. Crevasse
N. R. Carter & Co.
C. W. Hodges
D. J. Hires
C. Hafele
James H. Harris
J. B. Hudson
S. H. Highsmith
D. H. Irvine
R. C. Rermode
J. C. L. Engle
Jacob Milton
F. X. Miller
Est. of Remington
F. H. Storch
Geo. W. Sanchez
Green Spykes
A. W. Smith
H. Studstill
J. S. Sistrunk
T. N. Smith
M. A. Smith
Edmond Terry
J. B. Tyner
P. H. Tuten Est.
Smith Turner
J. S. Turner
Elias Turner
Elias Walker
Felicia Worthington
Wm. Watt
Yulee Iron Works
F. B. Meriam

October 6, 1879

Tom Long requested aid in caring for Susan and Candy Bishop, orphan children of Susan Bishop. $10.00 per month was granted.

A. McLeod is still listed as pauper. W. J. Jones keeps him. The tax collector now is J. C. McGrew. Petition for road granted from Fowler's Bluff to Levyville.

November 3, 1897

The voting precincts established are: Ft. Fanning, Rosewood, Atsena Otie.

A previously noted name, Wingo, is actually Winges. D. H. Winges is a deputy sheriff.

January 5, 1880

The recorded partial jury list. Wm. Gomm, chairman, Samuel Quincey, Wm. P. Edwards, Wm. Batty, members.

S. A. Lewis
A. K. Mixon
S. S. Layfort
A. W. Furnass
Hairy Cannon
Isaac Munden
E. C. Lutterloh
F. E. Hale
Sol Osteen
Daniel Faircloth
Leroy Wood
T. L. Hodgson
Warren Morton
D. P. Newsom
Sam Mixon
H. S. Rogers
M. W. Hinton
Jessie M. Blitch
J. M. Stanley
P. S. Bevill
D. U. Marsteller
J. W. Crevasse
L. B. Lewis
C. Hafele
J. B. Lamb
Lewis Apple
J. J. Mixon
T. D. Morgan
E. M. Beidelman
R. C. Philpot
Columbus Gaines *
George Oglesby
G. F. McDonnell
Hampton Smith
H. P. Mattair
B. B. Lowman
David Hiers
S. H. Lyles
O. H. P. Kirkland
Alex DeBush
S. Smith
M. L. Sandlin
E. Y. Geiger
R. M. Fugate
L. J. Purdum
A. L. Swails
Thomas Burford
T. W. Davis
Wash Phelps
J. P. Phelps
J. E. M. Tedder
W. R. Medlin
S. C. Sistrunk
David Graham
C. J. Bradshaw
E. W. Rush
H. R. Haize
C. C. Drummond
W. J. Medlin
O. Bettilini
Josh B. Sutton
E. S. Lee
R. S. Tucker
John Goodnight
John B. Flemming
E. C. Price
D. Long
Allen Pendarvis
J. P. Strickland
Harry Boatley
Jerry Goldwire
Caleb Higginbotham
Jerry Smith
Wm. Nobles
H. A. Drummonds
S. F. Highsmith
Oliver Pellett
Mike Young
J. J. Jones
C. J. McDonnell
J. J. Oglesbee
Z. B. Mathews
Joseph Plummer
F. S. McDonnell
M. A. Beck

* Columbus Gaines was postmaster at Lebannon

January 5, 1880

Partial Jury List

J. M. Roach
James Goodday
Benj. A. Anderson
H. S. Brown
Wm. Bemus
Mack Winfield
Shop Havens
D. A. Stroble
W. H. Clark
Wm. Lancaster
W. H. Bigham
W. H. Highsmith
A. M. Geiger
Fred Parsons
L. Abercrombie
W. H. Sebring
A. L. Long
T. S. Faircloth
Moses Keen
H. J. Pruden
Geo. Maxwell
Garrett Swindall
J. S. Turner
J. R. McGrath
J. B. Gore
G. C. Priest
David Altman
A. Y. Allen
S. L. Arrington
J. A. Andrews
Twiggs Allen
C. S. Bushnell
F. S. Bushnell
J. R. Boyer
Munt Brooks
Wm. H. Byles
W. J. Barnett
S. B. Bryant
Eugene Batty
Jacob Burkheim
Wm. A. Bozeman
T. P. Beck
Thomas Brooks
E. H. Brewer
J. P. Baulknight
James Chase
W. S. Cobb
E. Collier
James Collier
Madison Cannon
C. D. Craig
Henry Collier
H. H. Coulson
J. A. Creech
E. A. Champlain
W. A. Cribbs
C. W. Cason
Ben Coachman
J. M. Currie
Darius Colvin
E. L. Drummond
B. J. Davis
John Delano
Adam G. Days
Frank Dupree
E. Dillingham
J. T. Driggers
W. J. Epperson
W. B. Ellis
R. M. Ellzey
John Faircloth *
Peter Frieson
George P. Fowler
J. G. Ford
Wm. Ferginson
C. M. Gill
J. F. Guinn
Robert Houston
John E. Williams
D. S. Walker
Frank Watson
Henry White
N. Wooldrige
F. A. Wolfe
J. J. S. Watkins
Wilson Williams
D. A. Walker
W. H. Whitehead
S. B. Wade
Geo. W. Willis
Jerome Wilson
W. R. White
J. L. Worthington

* Frank Faircloth's father

February 2, 1880

A request was made to "mark the road from Dr. Jackson's place on Chunky Pond to the Morgan Bridge on the Wekiva River." It was granted to lay out a road from Cedar Key to the Mainland.

Road Commissioners: F. E. Hale, R. M. Dozier, S. D. Mills, B. H. Davis, C. J. Bradshaw, and Henry Winter. The petition for precinct at LaGrange was tabled. A road was granted, Garrett Swindall's to Smith's Mills.

Road Commissioners: N. S. Cobb, J. A. Jones, J. A. Overstreet.

Abraham Dyron was listed as pauper.

March 1, 1880

Smith's Mills listed in Alachua County. N. S. Cobb's residence was near Alachua County line. An "old" road went from Bronson to the bridge near the "Head of the Wekiva" (Morgan's Bridge?). A road was granted from Bronson by way of McGee's Branch to the Dixon Old Place thence to the Chambers (?) old crossing to the ——————? place on Ten Mile thence to Joel Hodges Ferry on the Withlacoochee.

July 5, 1880

The petition of Mrs. Faircloth for support was refused.

William Perryman and Mandy Weeks Perryman. The clothes they wore were typical of the late 1800's. The background is a cane patch. A small field was called a patch.

August 2, 1880

Mrs. Sophie Faircloth was placed on pauper list. F. G. Baulknight's assessment read, he was well to-do. David Levy Yulee had an assessment over $4,000.

September 6, 1880

The petition to reduce the assessment of Geo. W. Sanchez was granted. The petition to reduce the assessment of David Levy Yulee was refused. A request was granted Rudolph Hartman to route public road around his premises. Scholarships to East Florida Seminary were granted to Anna H. Thomas and Giles E. Mixon. Dr. Paschall was paid for attending sick prisoners.

October 4, 1880

A road was granted from the Marion County Line near S. J. Friars' place to intersect the road from Bronson to Peter Hale's at or near Sand Pond. Road Commissioners: Solomon Osteen, Hilliard Lee, and B. Matthews.

A new road was granted from Ft. Fannin toward Bronson to intersect the public road at Ebenezer Church; road commissioners, J. C. Bell, S. N. Watson, C. W. McElroy. Wm. McDow is shown on the pauper list.

Election inspectors: Bronson, No. 1: Thos. Tillis, L. B. Lewis, L. W. Hamlin; Levyville, No. 2: N. R. Carter, Emanuel Studstill, Wilson Williams; Otter Creek, No. 3: R. M. Ellzey, James Collier, Anderson Allridge; Cedar Key, No. 4: Dr. R. H. McIlvaine, W. R. White, G. M. C. Butler; Hase Johnson, No. 5: Solomon B. Folks, Columbus Gaines, James Weeks; No. 6: J. S. Sistrunk, Jeremiah Simonton, N. A. Blitch; No. 7: Geo. W. Willis, J. F. McDowell, Adam Days.

November 1, 1880

H. P. Mattair's place was listed at the Marion Line.

November 15, 1880

It was requested Gov. Geo. F. Drew suspend Tax Collector John C. McGrew for failing to report accounts to the board.

November 22, 1880

McGrew still balks on reporting accounts to board, so they instruct the Clerk to contact the State's Attorney.

December 1880

A letter was recorded from L. H. Hamlin concerning the destitution of the Estes family. J. M. Barco still clerk; F. M. McQueen, Justice of the Peace; Jerry Goldwire, court baliff; and L. D. Townsend, grand jury baliff.

January 3, 1881

Nathan Shepherd was dropped from the pauper list. The Governor did suspend McGrew.

February 7, 1881

J. S. Parker is sheriff, and his bondsmen are: Christian Hafele, W. J. Epperson, J. M. Jackson, L. B. Lewis. Scholarship was awarded to J. M. Jackson, Jr. Shands was Superintendent of Public Instruction, receiving $55.90 per month.

February 14, 1881

Ira Gore's bondsmen were: Geo. W. Moody, John Parsons, O. Bettiline, R. C. Barr, A. E. Hodges, E. J. Lutterloh, (?), Miller, and W. B. Henderson.

February 14, 1881

Partial jury list:

David Altman
Levi Abercrombie
W. T. Arnold
Eli Anderson
Geo. Anderson
Burran Burnside
J. C. Beck
C. J. Bradshaw
Eugene Batty
J. M. Blitch
W. J. Barnett
Wm. Bass
Jacob Burkheim
A. C. Black
W. S. Bunting
O. Bettilini
L. P. Beck
L. Brooks
S. P. Bigham
A. H. Bateman
E. H. Beaver
J. P. Baulknight
Lol Bachman
C. A. Brantley
F. E. Barroww
J. S. Bodiford
E. M. Billington
Joseph Pettilini
J. W. Chessen
James Chace
W. R. Coulter
M. F. Clyatt
H. Cannon
Elzia Collier
James Collier
Madison Cannon
N. R. Carter
C. D. Craig
Hy. Collier
J. A. Creach
W. N. Clark
J. N. Crevass
Ed. S. Corregan
E. A. Champlain
Chas. Carlson
S. J. Clyatt
Benj. Coachman
J. Castille
L. A. Callaway
David Conner
A. M. Chafer
J. A. Hawkins
J. Hirst
L. W. Hamlin
J. T. Hartman
M. A. Holston
D. J. Hollister
R. L. Holzendorf
W. C. Henry
W. H. Haynes
J. T. Jackson
J. J. Jones
Hade Drummond
C. C. Drummond
L. S. Dawes
R. M. Dozier
J. R. Davis
John Drummond
Wm. Dyers
Alex DeBusk
Adam Days
J. W. or M. Durrance
G. E. D. Elliot
S. D. Eason
W. J. Epperson
W. B. Ellis
J. B. Epperson
John Faircloth
Levi Faircloth
J. T. Fleming
W. J. Jones
Mike Johnson
C. T. Jones
C. M. Jacobs
E. L. Janney
Jacob Keen
O. H. P. Kirkland
Chas. Kerr
P. W. Kirkpatrick
J. W. Lanier
J. B. Lutterloh
L. S. Faircloth
Dan Faircloth
W. D. Finlayson
A. W. Furness
Sugford Free
L. B. Futch
Wm. Fleming
R. M. Fugate
W. B. Felder
L. J. Forbes
Jerry Goldwire

The Perryman family about 1900. Left, William Emanuel Perryman and Cora Perryman, their children: Clara, Julia, Ollie, Rufus, Sam, A. D. and Sophia Wilkerson Perryman (William's parents), Jack, Neller, Eli, John Collier (son-in-law) and Ginny Perryman Collier. Couple in background is John Collier and wife. A. D. and Sophia Wilkerson Perryman were the grandparents of Mr. Bill Emanuel of Chiefland.

C. M. Gill
John B. Gore
C. Gaines
J. S. Gambrell
James Goody
John Goodnight
David Lang
Jessie Lofton
B. B. Lowman
J. McLove
C. H. Lee
W. R. Lewis
A. L. Lindsay
Whitt Loman
Geo. Lancaster
S. S. Moore
Z. B. Matthews
Alex McLeod
Joseph George
Ivy Garner
David Graham
Anse Galphin
S. F. Highsmith
David Hiers
G. V. Hudson
J. M. Hudson

L. J. Hogans
Sam Highsmith
C. Higginbotham
M. N. Winton
S. A. Hussey
C. R. Howard
Is. Heagy
A. E. Hodges
John Huber
Christian Hafele
D. L. McGowan
Jasper McGowan
J. H. Mooney
Isaac Munden
J. E. McGrew
Geo. Maxwell
J. H. Mason
E. H. Medlin
W. F. Morton
L. S. McCall
J. R. McGrath
Samuel Mixon
L. W. Murray
J. B. Moody
Wm. Nobles
Calvin Nobles

Leonard Nobles
J. W. Overstreet
E. F. O'Neal
W. G. O'Reagan
W. W. Osteen
W. J. Pruden
James Pinner
L. J. Purdon
Wash Phelps
Jos. Plummer
O. Pellet
O. J. Parker
John Pellet
Wiley Priest
Peter Quin
P. M. Quin
John Sache
Christian Schlemmer
Richard Small
C. H. Fikirb
James W. Wilkinson

Isham Stephens
D. A. Stroble
J. Sheppard
H. Studstill
J. S. Sistrunk
J. A. Scott
J. B. Sutton
H. S. Sutton
Jordan Sanders
A. W. Smith
I. S. P. Smith
L. W. Storch
C. Schmidt
Geo. Sherchose
R. S. Tucker
J. E. M. Tedder
Elias Walker
Conrad Wellman
W. R. White
Jerome Wilson
Hy Winter

C. C. Burnshaw is Coroner. Mr. Apple is assessor. McGrew finally turns in a tax collector report.

March 7, 1881

George Willis, J. P., requested an "inquest on the body of Wallace Mitchell."

Twiggs Allen is constable. There was a petition presented by Calvin Nobles, L. S. Flemming and James M. Jackson for the pauper status for Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy was awarded $3.00 per month.

April 4, 1881

N. R. Carter is treasurer, and J. M. Barco is still clerk. A road was approved from Ft. Fanning to Bronson to intersect Joppa to Bronson Road at Ebenezer Church. The road from Bronson to Willis' Mill ran along section line between 33 and 34, T.12, R. 18. Brit Lewis and Albert M. Henry were paid as witnesses.

May 2, 1881

R. L. Holzendorf is constable, Wm. Andrews, juror. George Emanuel is on the pauper list.

June 6, 1881

Otis Richardson requests the road changed at his place.

Road commissioners were: Dist. 1, J. M. Jackson, P. S. Bevill, Wm. Byles; Dist. 2, (Levyville) Jno. E. Robinson, C. W. McElroy, J. P. Bolton; Dist. 3 (Otter Creek) Jim Collier, C. C. Burnshaw, F. J. Yearty; Dist. 4 (Gulf Hammock) G. D. Mendenhall, J. H. Jacobie, E. S. Lee; Dist. 5 (Hase Johnson's) D. S. Folks, J. M. Stephens, Jim Weeks; Dist. 6 (Stafford's Pond & Williston) G. W. Willis, N. A. Blitch, T. N. Smith.

They plan to have "sign boards placed at all the road crossings."

July 4, 1881

Mrs. Meeks is on the pauper list.

Changes were made in the assessments of: E. W. Agnew & Co., T. C. V. Bostell, C. B. Tibble, and James Goody. Road changes were allowed as requested by Otis Richardson, from Bronson to Williston, and diverging to the right on the 40 acres known as Wychoff's Land. (J. M. Barco's land is nearby.)

July 12, 1881

A bill was submitted by Berrill and Storch for making coffins at $26.09, and it was refused. The board members were apparently in a foul mood at this time for they refused to pay any bills.

Partial list of raised assessments:

Wm. Lancaster	Geo. Milliner
Henry Lancaster	John Parsons
W. R. Lewis	J. B. Pope
JNO. C. L'Engle	John Sash
T. J. Long	Geo. Sanchez
C. Lloyd	B. R. Tillman
C. G. McDonnell	S. P. Turner
Alex McLeod	J. S. Turner
John Marcum	Mrs. H. H. Vezey
H. S. W. Lewis	Jane McCrabb
W. R. Medlin	

August 1, 1881

Prisoners in county jail were let out to the highest bidder: Mack Collins to J. M. Jackson for $5.00 per month; Tony Ginn to J. F. McDonnell for $6.25 per month; Lewis Jones to Wm. Batty for $6.00 per month; Joe Watson to Ira Carter for $5.00 per month.

August 9, 1881

They are still paying out fees to John C. McGrew.

September 5, 1881

A scholarship was awarded to Miss Hattie Thomas.

October 3, 1881

Brock and Bill Smith were paid for "guard at jail," Josh White, Constable, Martin Purifier, witness, John Quin, witness, Wm. H. Sweeden, witness, Larry Finnegan, Constable.

J. S. Turner is requesting payment on Blumenthal Warrants (script). His request was refused.

October 17, 1881

Mr. Louis Appell is assessor. Those listed as paupers were: Clifford Allen, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Estes.

November 7, 1881

A. C. Beauchamp listed as juror in State vs. McIntyre. Chas. Tomblin is witness. An inquest was filed on the bodies of E. L. Drummond and Joe Kenly. A scholarship was awarded to Robert E. Lang. Louis Demere is on the pauper list.

December 7, 1881

Jim Hathcock is guard, Thomas Tillis is baliff, and James Stewart, H. F. Spence, jurors.

January 2, 1882

Wm. Batty, chairman, Wm. Gomm, Wm. P. Edwards, Samuel Quincey and W. R. Medlin. Those removed from the pauper list were: Prince McClellan, Mr. McDowell, Daniel J. Summerlin, and A. Castleberry at $5.00 per month.

February 6, 1882

The bondsman for John McGrew is being sued. The case was settled.

February 6, 1882

Cattle inspectors: Bronson: Thos Tillis; Levyville: N. R. Carter; Otter Creek: E. H. Medlin; Rosewood: C. S. Bushnell; Black Dirt: D. W. Blitch; #687: R. K. Limbaugh.

Road commissioners: No. 1, J. B. Sutton, Elias Walker, N. L. Lindsay; No. 2, J. P. Bolton, C. W. McElroy, D. L. McGown; No. 3, T. J. Yearty, Jim Collier, Wash Hudson; No. 4, J. H. Jacobie, E. S. Lee, G. D. Mendenhall; No. 5, D. S. Folks, J. M. Stephens, C. C. Gaines; No. 6, G. W. Willis, John Reddick, F. W. Blitch.

February 6, 1882

Partial jury list:

David Altman	Wash Allen
James Adams	Moses Asbell
A. Y. Allen	Richard Arline
Wm. H. Amer	John C. Beck
Wm. H. Ahrens	M. A. Beck

C. C. Burnham
A. C. Beauchamp
G. A. Beck
J. P. Bolton
J. H. Baker
T. E. Bozeman
C. J. Brand
Jackson Byrd
H. D. Cook
N. S. Cobb
K. P. Cook
W. H. H. Blitch
Munt Brook
Wm. Bass
James Booth
James Cantee
Harry Cade
Floyd Curtis
A. J. Clyatt
J. B. Coleman
G. W. Castell
Ira W. Cross
L. Call
J. L. Cottrell
R. A. Coachman
E. L. Cottrell
R. M. Chafen
Eugene Coon
J. M. Dixon
L. S. Dawes
W. M. DeLyons
Didymus Dryen
J. T. Driggers
Henry Dyess
A. T. Duren
John Drummond
Alex DeBush
JNO. G. Dawes
W. J. Denham
W. B. Ellis
R. M. Ellzey
Simon D. Evans
W. J. Epperson
J. B. Epperson
J. I. Epperson
Marcus Ellis
John Faircloth
Ned Heath
Levy Faircloth
T. S. Faircloth
Geo. W. Fields
A. F. Harrod
R. H. Herring
W. B. Hodgson
Morris Jordan
W. B. Johnson
Andrew Jackson
C. M. Jacobs
John J. Johnson
Moses Keen
O. H. P. Kirkland
Douglas Kemp
S. T. Kinsey
Nicholas King
Tony Liferidge
D. Long
W. R. Lewis
S. A. Lewis
Jack Lewis
Alexia McLeod
Isaac Munden
T. D. Morgan
G. W. Maxwell
E. H. Medlin
W. J. Medlin
S. A. Hussey
Calvin Hall
H. H. Hammone
Christian Hafele
Wm. Harris
Perry Henderson
L. T. Hendrix
S. Y. McFarland
J. R. Horn
T. B. Folks
D. S. Folks
R. M. Fugate
E. T. Geiger
E. J. McCall
John Grissett
Henry Garner
A. J. Griffin
Robert Houston
Sol. Highsmith
J. B. Mills
David Hiers
H. L. Hill
E. A. McDonnell
C. J. McDonnell
James Madison
Courtland Morgan
H. P. Mattair

March 6, 1882

J. W. Dorsey listed as one jailer. Wm. McDowell, on the pauper list, is being cared for by Harriet Booth.

Col. W. R. Coulter was issued new warrants in place of Max Blumenthal. Warrants at 60 cents on the dollar.

April 3, 1882

W. S. Knox, Constable. Witnesses were: W. S. Bunting, Larry Finnegan, Eugene Cottrell, Joe Perry and Alfred King, L. D. Townsend, Jailer. Jacob Thompson is listed as having fed the jury (had cafe in Bronson?). The judge ordered to "bind out" one Enoch Booth to Wm. Gomm. Mr. McDowell was removed from the pauper list. Placed on the pauper list were

Farrah Macenia Watson and her mother Macenia Beasley Watson by the ruins of the log house built by Farrah's sixth generation ancestor Moses Keen before the Civil War.

Prince McClellan at $3.00 per month, Mrs. Roxanna Booth, and Mr. Hutchinson.

Samuel Edwards was awarded a scholarship. A new precinct, No. 8, was set up: bound on north by line dividing T.S. 13 & 14, on east and south by county line between Levy and Marion. Bound on west by old Levy-Marion line, the voting place to be at Four Mile Pond School House.

May 1, 1882

General W. H. Sebring made application for scholarship in behalf of his son, W. H. Sebring. J. B. Sutton, listed as cattle inspector, S. L. Carter is County Superintendent of Education. Listed temporarily on pauper list: Mrs. Atlanta Johnson, and F. B. Harrison from Cedar Key.

A new ford is to be cut across the Little Waccasassa River.

July 3, 1882

Mr. Wm. Batty appears to have been County Commissioner from Cedar Key. A road was ordered from Otter Creek to Rocky Hammock Church.

The assessment of Mrs. Margaret E. Barr was raised from $460.00 to $3000.00.

Partial list of raised assessments:

C. L. Frieble
Nicholas King
Glove F. McDonnell
A. T. McIntyre
Henry Potts
James Gordon
Ollive Pellett
Mrs. Nancy Yulee ($4560.00 to $6840.00)

August 7, 1882

A road was granted "commencing at the terminus of the dirt road from Cedar Key to the Mainland" to a point on the County line nearest Joppa in Alachua County. Samuel Quincey and J. S. Turner were appointed to investigate and try to settle the matter between the county and J. C. McGrew, ex-collector of revenue.

September 4, 1882

Removed from the pauper list were: Roxana Booth and Martha Griffin. Placed on the pauper list were: Joseph Waters, James Pedrick. Thomas Pedrick lived on road from Bronson to Cotton Plant.

October 14, 1882

Temporary pauper, Wm. McDowell. Resolution was made to compel Ed McDowell to support his father, Wm. McDowell. Scholarship awarded to John L. Jones.

October 14, 1882

All names purged from voter registration list:

Ambrose, Geo. H.
Anderson, B. A.
Anderson, W. M.
Amer, Wm. H.
Allen, Eugene
Barnes, Thomas
Brown, H. T.
Burkheim, Jacob
Ballard, W. H.
Blitch, S. H.
Butler, J. S.
Batey, W. H.
Batey, J. A.
Bolton, J. P.
Barnes, Tucker T.
Burkholder, David
Bettlini, Joe
Berry, E. J.
Cribbs, W. A.
Conner, David
Cobb, N. S.
Castleberry, O.
Colvin, Darius
Collins, Mack
Carter, Charles
Clyatt, W. W., Jr.
Collins, Jack
Dyess, Geo. W.
Dyess, Arron J.
Dyess, Moses
Dixon, Britt
Days, Horace
Daniel, L. P.
Duren, W. J.
Davis, Jerry
Dozier, L. Jr.
Ellis, L. C.
Frei, S.
Flemming, L. S.
Fowler, Geo. P.
Flemming, W. N.
Flynn, W. R.
Goodwin, Taffy
Ginn, J. F.
Goodnight, J. M.
Gories, Tony
Gardner, Sterling
Golphin, J. J.
Goody, James
Hires, G. A.
Huber, John
Headly, D. H.
Hendon, Green
Hill, JNO. J.
Hale, W. H.
Hobay, A. D.
Hogans, J. B.
Hamilton, Perry
Holland, B. H.
Howard, Stepney
Hogans, Samuel
Hamm, W. J.
Jones, W. A.
Jones, J. J.
Kirkland, J. S.
Kolb, Lewis
King, C. E.
Kerr, Charles
Keen, J. T.
Linbaugh, J. H.
Lamb, Jno B.
Lee, C. H.
Lastinger, A. J.
Lyles, S. H.
Levy, H. J.
Martin, Zack
McClary, Wm.
Murray, M. W.
McDowell, Julian
McLeod, Angus
Moore, E. A.
Moore, Adam
McCully, Pierce
Muldro, Calvin
Mixon, Samuel
Mendenhall, J. B.
Mitchell, Thomas
Moore, Antony
Moody, S. S.
Norris, Tony
Nixon, T. J.
O'Reilly, James
Owens, Charles E.
Pruden, H. J.
Parsons, T. E.
Parsons, W. G.
Parsons, Fred S.
Peters, Geo.
Rhodes, J. R.
Rush, E. W.
Rodrigeuz, Leo
Rawls, Cotton
Studstill, C.
Starling, T.
Starling, H.
Sauls, J. W.
Simonton, Dembo
Shands, J. F.
Stibbs, H. L.
Stiles, J. H.
Smith, S.
Storremetz, G. W.
Spikes, Zeke
Tyner, S. J.
Thompson, H. F.
Thomas, F. W.
Tillis, Joseph
Wilkinson, J. H.
Wheeler, Wm.
Wing, Sam
Yeates, J. C.

October 14, 1882

Election Commissioners: Dist. 1: Benj. Coachman, Elias Walker, Wm. Bemus; Dist. 2: T. J. Prevatt, Ira J. Carter, J. J. Phelps; Dist. 3: Elias Medlin, T. J. Yearty, R. M. Ellzey; Dist. 4: R. H. McIlvaine, Wm. H. Anderson, Jno. H. Murrell; Dist. 5: C. Gaines, R. P. Priest, Wm. Stephens; Dist. 6: J. E. Sistrunk, M. Brooks, P. O. Sneller; Dist. 7: G. W. Willis, W. H. Bigham, A. G. Days; Dist. 8: W. H. H. Blitch, Allen Roberts, Tho. Pedrich.

January 1883

Road Commissioners: Bronson #1: H. H. Cook, Elias Walker, C. Wellman; Levyville #2: F. B. Folks, J. A. Mooney, H. S. Studstill; Otter Creek #3: T. J. Yearty, Wm. E. Yearty, JNO. E. Robinson; Gulf Hammock #4: J. H. Jacobie, E. S. Lee, Geo. D. Mendenhall; Hase Johnson's: J. M. Stephens, D. W. Blitch, C. C. Gaines; Stafford's Pond #6: Harrison Blitch, Munt Brooks, Thos. Pedrick; Williston #7: T. N. Smith, W. B. Lowman, W. H. Bigham.

Partial Jury List:

T. A. Darby
J. W. Gornto
Wm. Harrod
M. H. Hammock
Harry K. Hendricks
John H. Hendricks
P. H. Herring
Holzein, R. L.
Hollester, D. J.
Holstein, M. A.
Harbin, C. A.
Heavew, J. S.
Heavew, Geo.
Hussey, S. A.
Ingraham, W. F.
Kelley, Thos.
Long, A. L.
Lewis, L. B.
Long, D.
Lightfoot, G. E.
Lorin, Arthur
Medlin, W. J.
Medlin, F. H.
Maxwell, G. W.
Marsteller, D. U.
Moyer, Courtland
Mercer, Geo. D.
Morrell, J. F.
Ingraham, Saul
Osteen, S.
Rosella, B. A.
Schlemmer, Christian
Shine, Henry R.
Sneller, P. U.
Sapp, Wiley
Tooten, L. G.
Thornton, Isaac
Whitehurst, G. E.
Watson, W. J.
White, Henry
Winn, W. D.
Winn, W. H.
White, J. J.
Watson, T. W.
Willis, D. B.
Willis, J. S.

February 1883

Mr. Stephens on pauper list given $3.00 per month. Mrs. Murphy is back on the pauper list.

March 1883

Mrs. Tillis is on the pauper list.

April 1883

Mrs. Murphy's name has been removed from the pauper list.

May 1883

Requested a road from Bronson by Mrs. Vezey's, and between lands owned by Mrs. Vezey, and Wade and Hodges, continuing between lands of J. M. Barco, Mrs. Anna Clark, C. Hafele's, and Mrs. Huber, thence by Hamp Smith's to Cow Gully.

The steamboats Belle of the Suwannee (in front) and the Thetus, a metal hulled vessel, on the Suwannee River.

June 1883

Decided to discontinue road from McLeod place to Cow Gully. A road is to run parallel with Bronson-Stafford Pond Road to intersect Ocala Road south of Midway Academy. It was authorized to lay out a road from the county line near Joppa, now called Trenton, to Cedar Key.

July 2, 1883

Col. E. J. Lutterloh appeared in behalf of Mrs. Yulee to request the lowering of her assessment. The motion was refused.

August 6, 1883

S. L. Carter is superintendent of schools, J. J. Mixon is sheriff. Mr. C. Wellman presented a petition for a liquor license, but it was not acted upon because of "informality in publication."

The assessment of Eliza Huber was raised from $200.00 to $500.00.

Other assessments raised were:

E. G. Hunt	G. W. Morton
Sam Hartman	C. Schlemmer
Dr. J. B. Kinney	Yulee Iron Works
L. B. Lewis	W. J. Epperson
Riley Lewis	

The assessment of Disston's Lands was reduced from 30 cents per acre to 25 cents. Mr. J. S. Turner is to be notified to offer for sale the McGrew lands for not less than $4000.00. Mr. J. I. Epperson's place is on Stafford's Pond.

September 4, 1883

Those names appearing on the pauper list were: A. Dyson, J. R. Hutchinson and wife, Geo. Emanuel, Prince McClelland, Wm. McDowell, Mr. Stephens, and Mrs. Tillis. Also, Jos. Waters, Abram Dyson. Mr. Wellman, represented by counsel, again appeared in behalf of his petition for a liquor license. His counsel was Col. Cottrell. Also appearing with counsel was a group of citizens protesting Wellman's petition. The Wellman petition was alleged to contain names of deceased persons, persons not living in the district. Other persons present denied signing the petition, saying their signatures thereon were forgeries. One man present stated that he was positive, "This was not his mark." C. Wellman's petition for a liquor license was not granted.

It was granted the McGrew property at Ft. Fanning was to be advertised in the Times-Union at Jacksonville.

October 1, 1883

C. Wellman has entered suit against board for Writ of Mandamus concerning his liquor license application. There was a motion to grant license upon Judge King's Mandamus. The clerk was ordered to send copy of the proceedings to Judge King.

October 1, 1883

A voting district was established at Rosewood.

October 6, 1883

Names stricken from voter's list (partial):

Ashford, Emory	Lancaster, Henry
Atkinson, J. W.	Milliner, George
Barco, J. K.	Madison, Jim
Butler, G. M. C.	Moody, S. S.
Baker, J. H.	McLeod, N. E.
Bass, J. B.	McIntyre, Arch
Bozeman, J. B.	McKinnis, J. E.
Blanch, Charles	Smith, Melton
Bass, Wiley	McFarland, S. Y.
Best, W. H.	Oliver, John
Broch, T. J.	O'Reagan, W. J.
Boatley, Major	Pellet, Oliver
Castello, David	Pellet, John P.
Curry, J. M.	Pope, J. B.
Cross, Ira W.	Perrodin, A. M.
Cook, E.	Plummer, Wm.
Cribbs, W. P.	Petty, T. J.
Collins, Richard	Passalago, Antonio
Campbell, Sam	Phelps, Richard
Cannon, David	Pouncy, Cy
Callaway, L. H.	Penny, John
Dillingham, E.	Potts, W. W.
Duren, W. J.	Robinson, Wm.
Finnegan, Lawrence	Reddick, O. G.
Gadsden, John	Roderique, Mike
Germain, Walter	Roderique, Nick
Goodnight, John	Roach, H. D.
Herd, John	Renfro, E. M.
Hartman, J.	Reaves, E. D.
Hines, W. H.	Sutton, J. R.
Hodgson, Wm.	Shands, W. A.
Hern, Jim	Smith, W. A.
Hayson, W. B.	Sutliff, Wm.
Hackney, T. J.	Spates, Murphy
Harrison, Henry	Townsend, L. D.
Johnson, John	Tillis, Sampson
Johnston, J. B.	Tuten, John
Keebler, W. J.	Wetherford, A. H.
Kelsey, Alexander	Wallace, Mitchell
King, Cooley	Young, G. W.
Lisenby, James M.	Young, M. B.

October 19, 1883

A group of Bronson citizens called a meeting at their own expense to authorize Bronson citizens to employ counsel to represent the board in Mandamus case of C. Wellman vs. Levy Board of Commissioners to be held in Ocala.

December 3, 1883

Granted a road from Rosewood to No. 4.

Another lengthy session held with attorneys between Bronson citizens and C. Wellman, again petitioning for license to sell "liquor, beer and wine". Wellman's petition had a majority of one vote, and the license was granted.

Shipbuilding at Cedar Key about eighty years ago. These schooners hauled freight between west coast ports for many years.

January 4, 1884

Partial jury list:

Davis Altman
F. A. Arnold
P. D. Arrington
Louis Abercrombie
W. S. Armstrong
Richard Arline
D. H. H. Arline
Jno. C. Beck
M. A. Beck
Bushnell, F. S.
Blitch, Jesse M.
Byles, W. H.
Beidelman, E. M.
Barnett, W. J.
Boatley, Harry
Bigham, S. P.
Brewer, E. H.
Barton, W. M.
Burnham, C. C.
Beachamp, A. C.
Blackwelder, R.
Cook, H. D.
Chesser, J. W.
Chafer, R. M.
DeLyons, W. M.
DePue, George
Erickson, J. A.
Faircloth, John
Faircloth, Levy
Faircloth, T. S.
Faircloth, Dan
Furnass, A. W.
Felder, W. B.
Fagin, Joseph
Fitch, John
Fuzals, J. C.
Goldwire, Jerry
George, Joseph
Garner, Henry
Griffin, A. J.
Goodson, M. M.
Garnto, J. M.
Haize, H. K.
Hussey, S. A.
Hartman, John
Hafele, C.
Keen, Moses
Long, A.
Long, D.
Lewis, L. B.
Lewis, Jack
Lewis, W. R.
McDonnell, E. H.
Moger, Courtland
McCullough, H.
Nobles, Wm.
Poleman, Harry

February 4, 1884

Isham Thornton is on the pauper list.

March 3, 1884

Bridge granted over the Wekiva River at Dr. Kinney's place.

April 7, 1884

Mrs. O. Castelberry is on the pauper list.

May 5, 1884

W. H. Sebring Jr. "was appointed state pupil at the Agricultural College at Lake City."

June 2, 1884

Names of some local bridges were: Munden Bridge, Lonesome Bridge, Double Bridge.

June 7, 1884

On the pauper list went Atlanta Johnson. R. L. Holzendorf was sheriff.

August 4, 1884

There was a meeting of a group of citizens requesting a foot bridge across the Waccasassa River on the road to Ebenezer Church. The Misses Hern went on the pauper list.

Florida Southern Rail Road paid their taxes in Levy County.

October 6, 1884

List of Election Inspectors: Bronson #1: Benj.

Coachman, Chris Hafele, Elis Walker; Levyville #2: Clark M. Carter, Henry S. Rogers, John W. Tindale; Otter Creek #3: Isham Stephens, S. R. Worthington, A. Allridge; Cedar Key #4: R. A. Coachman, J. M. Lisenby, Wm. Cantee; Hase Johnson's #5: C. C. Gaines, R. P. Priest, W. H. Stephens; Stafford's Pond #6: J. S. Sistrunk, Munt Brooks, N. B. Plummer; Williston #7: D. P. Newsom, J. P. Reddick, H. G. Days; Four Mile Pond #8: T. D. Morgan, Isaac Pedrick, Wm. Nobles; Rosewood #9: C. C. Burnham, Wm. M. Goodson, F. M. Spicer.

October 6, 1884

Stricken from Voter's list Dist. 1:

Farlson, Charles	McClellan, Prince
Coachman, Jos. R.	Maxwell, Geo. W.
Cook, A. H.	Medlin, W. J.
Figgs, Wm.	McDowell, Wm.
Garrison, J. K.	McDowell, Edw. N.
Hodge, John	McDowell, Edwin
Jones, G. G.	Marsteller, D. U.
Jonson, A.	Mitchell, R. B.
Robinson, Bosen	Stanley, J. W.
Turner, A. J.	Fletcher
Lambert, G. C.	

December 1, 1884

Some of the board members are retiring, but they give Barco, who is not retiring, a gold pen. The speech of presentation is in the minutes, which starts, "Sir! In presenting you with this token of our esteem" -- also included is Barco's speech of acceptance.

January 5, 1885

New names on the pauper list were: Lily Nichols, Henry Smith, and Wm. Russell.

There were persons from Cedar Key who kept applying for an "exclusive permit to plant oysters" in specific locations.

February 2, 1885

Removed from the pauper list were: Wm. Russell, Mrs. Tillis, and Mrs. Clark.

March 2, 1885

Wm. Russell is back on the pauper list, also added was Thos. Calhoun.

April 6, 1885

Mrs. Rebecca Rogers is on the pauper list. "Daniel Faircloth and others" were refused.

Dr. A. E. Hodges applied for a license for ferry on the Withlacoochee at "Hodges, Buggy and horse 30 cents."

April 11, 1885

Lewis Shuler is on the pauper list.

April 11, 1885

Election Inspectors: Bronson #1: J. M. Gornto, M. J. Mixon, D. U. Marsteller; Levyville #2: H. M. Spence, H. S. Rogers, J. D. Hires; Otter Creek #3: H. J. Turner, Isham Stephens, A. Aldridge; Cedar Key #4: H. R. Shine, W. K. Zenadski, Wm. Cantee; Hase Johnson's #5: N. H. Blitch, N. B. Plummer, Munt Brooks; Williston #7: E. C. Price, J. P. Reddick, Adam Days; Four Mile Pond #8: Thomas Pedrick, T. D. Morgan, W. H. H. Blitch; Rosewood #9: C. C. Burnham, F. M. Spicer, James Shiver.

Plans are being made for filing suit for 2 or 3 years delinquent taxes of the Florida Town Improvement Company, The Florida Land and Imigration Co., and David L. and Nancy Yulee.

May 4, 1885

More action on the pauper list, "on" went Wm. Driggers, and Rebecca Rogers, "off" went Lily Nicholls.

Mr. J. V. Burke got the county advertising business.

Voting precinct #10 was established at NW corner of C. W. McElroy's land.

June 1, 1885

D. W. Blitch received license for ferry on the Withlacoochee River at Blitch's Ferry.

July 6, 1885

Certified as indigent C.S.A. Veterans were: John H. Sutton, Arron Higginbotham. Others on the pauper list: Jos. Oglesby, M. J. Whitehurst, Daniel B. Hogans, J. R. Hutchinson and wife, Geo. Emanuel, H. Dyson, Isham Thornton, Mrs. Castleberry, Prince McClellan, Miss Hearn, Wm. Driggers, Lewis Shuler, Rebecca Rogers, Henry Smith, Wm. Russell, Atlanta Johnson, Jos. Waters, Mrs. Calhoun.

August 3, 1885

The commissioners are: Wm. Batty, D. P. Newson, S. H. Highsmith, W. R. Medlin, Isham Stephens.

A road was laid out from Williston by Horton's Store to the county line.

W. H. Bigham is sheriff, D. E. Pass, supt. of schools.

The old road leading from Cow House to Horton's Store declared public.

Partial list of raised assessments:

Est. of R. M. Allen	Dan Holland
C. W. Brush	James Lewis
Preston Cunningham	J. R. McGrath
Sallie M. Chater	Donald McRae
A. B. Crutchfield	C. H. Phinney
J. P. DePosse	Hampton Smith
Sarah E. Faircloth	A. W. Smith
T. S. Faircloth	J. W. Smith
S. P. Helvinston	

September 7, 1885

Betty Jones was refused for the pauper list. O. Bettilini was granted a liquor license at Cedar Key.

It was agreed to advertise for bids to build jail, in Levy County Times. An inquest was held on the body of C. E. Owens.

Gatsy Starling Long on her birthday in 1947 at age ninety, Otter Creek, with three of her children: Maggie Smith, Will Long and Eveline Maxwell - all now deceased. She lived twelve days after her birthday.

October 5, 1885

C. Wellman was back to have his liquor license renewed.

November 2, 1885

Thomas Moore is on the pauper list. Silas Weeks is listed as indigent C.S.A.

The intended delinquent tax suit against the Florida Land & Immigration Co. and Florida Town Improvement Co. was dropped when it was discovered these companies had paid their taxes. John McGrew had kept the money, so they will now charge this to McGrew.

December 7, 1885

Hernando County Commissioners want to jointly build a "free" bridge across the Withlacoochee. Levy commissioners took no action.

January 4, 1886

Persons stricken from registration list (partial):

Eli Banks
J. E. Booth
Brace, Geo. W.
Beville, J. G.
Coachman, Benj.
Garrison, Edw. M.
King, Lem
Long, James H.
Smith, Hampton
Wilkinson, W. T.
Alston, Crummy
Arrington, D. S.
Braswell, C. W.
Cook, David
Deas, E. P.
Deas, G. Wash. Jr.
Dixon, J. M.
Griffin, J. T.
Golevino, Jerry
Griffis, R. N.
Gidines, Jas M.
Johnson, Parris
Kirby, Emanuel
Osteen, W. W.
Sheffield, J. W.
Stringer, Green
Waterston, G. H.
Watson, S. A.
Bravley, Robert
Brantley, Calvin
Grant, J. A.
Strong, Richard
Trotter, W. W.
Whilder, Chas.
Wilkes, David
Acree, A. D.
Batty, Wm.
Baratte, B.
Cook, D.
Call, L.
Cherry, Lewis
Chadwick, James
Cotter, James
DeBue, George
Darby, T. A.
Dallas, Henry
Dorsett, Alfred M.
Dunwoody, J. H.
Dredge, Felix A.
DeBose, Albert
Evans, Adolphus
Eckert, Joseph
Fuzah, J. C.
Feaster, Wm.
Gerroch, J. H.
Glover, James

Dorothy Long Smith and a typical school bus of the thirties with its homemade body. The truck is an International of about 1936 vintage. She had previous driving experience, she drove log trucks. Her grandparents were Tim and Gatsy Starling Long of the Wekiva Springs area.

Gambling, Henry
Harper, Warren
Holmes, Simon
Lewis, Albert
Leitner, W. T.
Muttonjoy, Malty
Maxwell, Moses
Musselwhite, J. R.
McKechnic, F. E.
O'Rourke, Y. J.
Pyfrum, Y. A.
Quin, Peter
Quin, Peter Jr.
Rawls, George
Rabagny, W.
Sutton, J. K.

January 4, 1886

Partial list of jurors:

Asbell, Moses
Arline, D. H.
Hussey, S. A.
Faircloth, Levy
Smith, Alfred
Smith, W. H.
Smith, J. B.
Philpot, John
Sandlin, M. L.
Stringfellow, C. C.
Gomm, Wm.
Tousey, O. C.
Wellman, Conrad
Ishie, W. F.
Tedder. J. E. M.
P. O. Sneller
Osteen, J. F.
Gornto, J. M.
Meredith, J. F.
Yearty, T. J.
Yearty, Wm. E.
Biggs, L. A.
Cobb, M. F.
Coarsey, H. V.
Sebring, W. H.
Clinkscales, E. R.
Firstnow, Frank
Gaines, Columbus

February 1, 1886

H. D. Cook listed as indigent C.S.A.

March 1, 1886

On the pauper list was Mrs. Pope, and Louis Appel, wounded, indigent C.S.A.

Inquest to be held in the death of Willie Mengle.

The new jail is being built.

April 5, 1886

Margaret Keenan placed on the pauper list along with indigent C.S.A. Veterans: J. J. Mixon, Thos. W. Philpot, D. L. McGown.

May 3, 1886

Jerry Wilson added to the pauper list.

June 7, 1886

Mr. J. M. Stewart was paid $3.00 for making coffin for paupers. It was granted to advertise for bids to build foot bridges across the two Waccasassas on the road from Levyville to Bronson.

July 5, 1886

John D. Beall applying as indigent, wounded C.S.A.

August 2, 1886

C. H. Phinney is Superintendent of Schools, and C. W. McElroy is on board. Declared public road "the old county line road from Ft. Fanning to Judson."

The clerk was ordered to advertise for bids for a bridge across the little Waccasassa at or near A. McLeod's.

September 6, 1886

Isaac Walker was rejected as indigent C.S.A.

A road was granted from Bronson to Wekiva Bridge near Ike Munden's and running west side of Chunky Pond.

C. Wellman renewed his liquor license.

October 4, 1886

"Informality" of application of Wm. Russell as indigent, wounded C.S.A., was recorded.

Election Inspectors: Bronson #1: J. M. Barksdale, A. H. Cook, Geo. Washington; Levyville #2: C. M. Carter, H. F. Spence, Jerry Goldwire; Otter Creek #3: T. J. Yearty, G. D. Mendenhall, A. Aldridge; Cedar Key #4: J. O. Andrews, R. A. Coachman, Wm. _____?; Hase Johnson's #5: R. P. Priest, Columbus Gaines, W. H. Stephens; Stafford's Pond #6: Munt Brooks, S. J. Sistrunk, P. O. Sneller; Williston #7: J. B. Epperson, A. W. Smith, Adam Days; Four Mile Pond #8: W. H. H. Blitch, T. D. Morgan, S. B. W. Stephens; Rosewood #9: J. R. Phillips, S. C. C_____?, Phillip M. Sp_____?; McElroy's #10: C. W. McElroy, W. S. Harris, J. W. Adams.

September 6, 1886

District 1 names dropped from registration list:

Byles, Wm. H.
Benefield, W. A.
Barco, B. B.
Bemus, Wm.
Clark, E. H.
Clark, H. G.
Mixon, M. J.
Touzey, Z.
Walker, Elisha
Walker, D. A.
Wilson, Willis

November 1, 1886

Chapman Oliver placed on the pauper list.

A road was granted (west side of Chunky Pond) from Bronson across lands of Dr. Jackson, Mrs. Vezey, Mrs. Doane, Mrs. Clark, and J. M. Barco. The direction on the road, "started at corner of Dr. Jackson's field opposite the NW corner of N. L. Lindsay's place, then turned to the right and ran in a SW direction to Mrs. Colson's lot. The road went along south side of her lot, across east side of Miss Curtis' lot, then across land of Mrs. H. N. Vezey to her west line, then south on west end of her forty across a strip 20 ft. wide to Mrs. Doane's land -- provided said road is to run within 5 ft. of J. M. & R. W. Wade's front row of orange trees. Thence continuing across Mrs. Doane's land to NW corner of J. M. Barco's land, down his line about 200 yards, across land of Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Doan to or near Elisha Walker's old place. Thence directly by C. Hafele's house to Mrs. Huber's, thence on the west side of Hampton Smith's, and to the Tom Morgan old place. Thence down the old road to Wekiva Bridge."

The Munden family lived near Wekiva Bridge.

December 6, 1886

Notation was made of the burial of Aaron Dixon, pauper.

January 3, 1887

J. A. Lynch is on the pauper list. A road was granted from Waccasassa Bridge to Ellzey, thence to Narrow Gap in Long Pond.

February 7, 1887

All paupers ordered to appear before board at next meeting.

February 7, 1887

Partial Jury List:

Watkins, J. I. S.
Walker, D. A.
Wallace, A. E.
Witherspoon, J. C.
Wilkinson, Alfred
Standley, Jacob
Schofield, W. P.
Starling, Joe
Bryant, Smith
Stokes, Joel
Sutton, W. M.
Shiver, James
Smith, J. W.
Smith, A. W.
Sistrunk, J. S.
Shaw, John
Strickland, R. M.
Sutton, H. S.
Smith, J. H.
Stroud, W. G.
Spence, Horatio
Sloan, T. M.
McCall, F. M.
McCall, R. M.
Maultsby, J. M.
Maxwell, Geo. W.
Mills, Archibald
Meredith, J. F.
McKechine, F. E.
Humprey, Wm. S.
Heuly, C. H.
Hatcher, Solon
Huber, C. J.
Huber, John
Devham, H. W.
Carroll, Sam W.
Claywell, Z. V.
Coarsey, H. V.
Berryhill, W. R.
Brown, Charley
Wynne, W. D.
Wolfe, F. A.
Walker, D. S.
Walker, Elias
Vinzant, F. R.
Trotter, J. B.
Tillis, A. L.
Tomlinson, W. N.
Tousey, O. C.
Tooke, Jesse B.
Tew, S. M.
Tedder, J. E. M.
Smith, Henry M.
Shemwell, W. M.
Smith, Hampton
Robinson, Page
Robinson, Fry
Rains, C. J.
Price, E. C.
Penny, J. N.
Poleman, Harry
Peck, Ed.
Phelps, Wash
Osteen, Sol
O'Neill
McCorglondale, J. B.
Lewis, J. B.
Lewis, L. B.

March 7, 1887

Wm. Batty, Chairman, D. P. Newson, J. E. Adams, Isham Stephens, members. The paupers are present at this meeting, and are listed in mostly unreadable handwriting. The clerk seemed to show his contempt for these persons by writing their names in a hurried, careless scrawl.

This vehicle was a gig and was forerunner of the buggy. The driver, with mail pouch slung over his shoulder, was Charlie Carter and the store was in the extinct town of Levyville. The picture was actually made before 1890; Charlie Carter died in 1889.

One of the last steamboats on the Suwannee, the old Hawkinsville was exceeded in size only by the Twin Cities.

April 4, 1887

Persons removed from the pauper list were: Chapman Oliver, William Russell, and Isham Thornton.

People from Cedar Key still receive exclusive permits to "plant" oysters.

May 2, 1887

Mr. O'Neil is on the pauper list.

June 6, 1887

Judge Willis is mentioned. A road change, "public road leading north from Bronson leaving present road about 200 yds. north of Hughe's Orange Grove, to run in N.W. direction to intersect old county line road."

Mr. Culpepper Hodges operated a ferry on the Withlacoochee.

July 4, 1887

The Archer to Ocala road changed at John R. William's place so as to run along line dividing sections 16 & 17, T.S. 13, R 19E.

A hearing was held regarding the financial status of Mr. Joseph George. "It being represented to the board that Mr. Joseph George's wife, regardless of hard times, the scarcity of money, and the ill health of her husband had presented him with 3 children at one time, etc." The board did approve the ailing Mr. George for the pauper list at $5.00 per month.

August 1, 1887

Following the State law, the county was divided into five county commissioners' districts. One fourth of the voters signed a petition calling for prohibition election. Mrs. Elender Medlin's taxes were raised.

September 5, 1887

Frank Ishie paid $5.00 for 1 bear scalp.

There was a petition from Gulf Hammock to remove Isaac & H. J. Watkins as road commissioners. The voting precincts were redone.

Granted a bridge across Wekiva River near Col. Coulter's place.

October 3, 1887

Reward of $100.00 being offered for murderer of W. J. Medlin.

November 7, 1887

C. J. Bradshaw, wounded C.S.A., placed on pauper list.

December 5, 1887

A. Wooldridge, chairman of board, W. H. Anderson, treasurer.

January 2, 1888

The road commissioners for district 1 are: H. B. Coulter, C. S. Huber, and H. V. Coarsey.

February 6, 1888

Bounties are being paid for scalps of wildcats, bears, and panthers.

Two more wounded C.S.A. veterans are on the pauper list, Mr. J. A. Mooney and C. A. Deas.

February 6, 1888

Partial Jury List:

Boatley, Harry	Keen, Moses
Bauknight, J. P.	Kirkland, O. H. P.
Firstnow, Frank	Long, A.
Ferriday, W. C.	Lewis, L. B.
Gomm, Wm.	Lewis, Jack
Goldwire, Jerry	Lastinger, John
Graham, David	E. J. McCall
Graham, David Jr.	Schlemmer, Nicholas
Hussey, S. A.	Schlemmer, Christian
Holstein, M. A.	Osteen, J. F.
Ishie, W. F.	Shealy, Monroe
Jones, C. T.	Sutton, H. S.
Jones, J. E.	Sutton, W. M.

March 5, 1888

Mrs. Castleberry is off the pauper list and Mrs. Garrison is placed on the pauper list.

April 2, 1888

Isaac Munden is now a board member. New names appearing on the pauper list were Mrs. C. J. Butler, Sophie Sims.

May 7, 1888

Shell Pond precinct #11 established at Shell Pond School House.

June 4, 1888

The board balks at paying bounty for wildcats, bear, and panther scalps.

July 2, 1888

Mrs. Mariah Whitehurst is off the pauper list.

Those paid bounty for animal scalps were Sol Osteen, J. R. Hopping, and Elias Walker.

August 6, 1888

C. N. Cason was paid bounty for four bear scalps.

September 3, 1888

W. E. Yearty was paid bounty for two bear scalps.

October 1, 1888

Names removed from the voter registration:

Beidelman, E. M.	Manetsby, J. M.
Boone, A. B.	Patterson, Adam
Briscoe, Palm	Prevatt, H. Z.
Butler, Robert	Sanchez, G. W.
Carter, Syd L.	Smith, T. W.
Clyatt, W. N. Jr.	Smith, W. H.
Cook, A. H.	Summers, N. H.
Chace, James	Stage, W. B.
Davis, A. C.	Turner, J. M.
Jackson, Chas. E.	Whitehurst, George
Long, T. J.	Wilkerson, S. W.
Lindsay, A. L.	Campbell, Samuel
Long, J. N.	Clinkscales, E. R.

November 5, 1888

The "Levy County Times" is still being published.

December 3, 1888

The road from Levyville to Ft. White changed to go by Judson. The road from Judson to Bronson changed to run east of cemetery at Pine Grove Church.

January 1, 1889

W. H. Bigham is sheriff. The road from Williston to Bronson to be changed to go on line between lands of Dr. S. Bean and M. J. Mixon. There were notations of something called the Farmers' Alliance. There was recently a bill (refused) from the Alliance Store.

Listing of some road commissioners: Dist. 1: O. C. Tousey, J. M. Jackson, Jr., Sanchez, F. R.; Dist. 4: (Gulf Hammock) Levy Faircloth, J. H. Bitting, John Lastinger.

A wildcat scalp bounty of $3.00 was paid to Levy Faircloth.

February 4, 1889

Added to the pauper list were: J. B. Sidbury, and Mary Renfro.

Blue Sink is referred to as Blue Springs.

February 4, 1889

Partial Jury List:

Cobb, M. F. B.	Ishie, W. F.
Sutton, W. M.	Meeks, L. C.
Scudder, B. R.	Allston, Crummy
Osteen, W. W.	Kidd, J. C.
Osteen, John M.	Mullis, Robert
Faircloth, Levy	

March 4, 1889

Agreement made between parties living on road west of Chunky Pond to buy lumber to "put a good bridge over the ditch near C. Hafele's."

April 1, 1889

John Trotter is still presenting "cat scalps" for bounty.

May 6, 1889

Alex Dennis is on the pauper list.

June 3, 1889

Road went from Bronson by the Dave Walker place, Cow Gully, known as the "Dixon trail to Gulf Hammock."

July 1, 1889

Now, they have "superintendents of the public roads", and for Dist. 1 is J. M. Gornto.

August 5, 1889

Names on the tax list: S. W. Venable, and R. Murphy.

September 2, 1889

Names added to the pauper list: Henry Hall, and Mary Pool.

October 7, 1889

Mention is made of an action called "Subtropical Exposition".

December 2, 1889

A county convict, John Lastinger, was rented out to J. V. Burke at $3.00 per month.

January 6, 1890

Col. Coachman is to head the exhibit at the Subtropical Exposition.

February 3, 1890

Peter Hale is on the pauper list.

March 3, 1890

Benj. Friedman is County Judge, and two names from the jury list are: W. F. Clough, C. A. Guess.

April 7, 1890

Dr. J. N. Harvey's assessment being discussed.

May 5, 1890

Mr. J. M. Stewart is jailer.

June 2, 1890

Geo. W. Maxwell is inspector of marks and brands at Otter Creek.

August 11, 1890

An inquest was held over the body of John Douglas.

August 11, 1890

They refer to the recent prohibition election as, "a majority of voters voted against the sale of such liquors."

August 12, 1890

A petition was denied from the Board of Health at Cedar Key for higher taxes, "they are spending $100.00 per month at the Port of Cedar Key, whereas one man could easily do all the work for $50.00 per month."

September 1, 1890

The road from Corporate limits of Cedar Key to No. 4, known as the Dirt Road to be declared a public county road.

Road discontinued from Hafele's to Mule Creek near Meredith's Mill site.

Names from jury list:

Hammock, M. H.	Stapleton, Robert
Sherouse, J. E.	Yearty, Wm. E.
Osteen, W. W.	Hussey, S. A.
McQueen, Jeff	Huber, John
Berryhill, W. R.	Hafele, Chris.

October 5, 1890

Israel Hawkins on the pauper list. J. H. Sutton is cattle inspector. Cedar Key Rd. dist. was established.

The Subtropical Exposition seems to have been held at Ocala.

The County Alliance prepared Levy County's exhibit.

Leroy D. Glover (left) in 1925 at age 14 with his parents Sally and Charlie Glover and family. His father came from North Carolina in 1900. The other children from left: Lucile (married Fred Williams), Rosa Lee, Marie, Jesse, Lula Mae, Thelma. Leroy, also known as Dude, grew up to set a record. Over a period of fifty years he drilled more wells in Levy County than any other man in the world. He still lives in Bronson.

Some Levy County young people about eighty years ago. From left: Rhett Hudson, Mabel Cason, Jim Hudson, O'Linda Cason, Radcliffe (Raddie) Davis, Vernie Cason.

Voter purge list, dist #1:

Adams, J. L. L.
Bevill, P. S.
Blythe, Charles
Biggs, L. A.
Boswell, H. H.
Banks, Eli
Brown, J. H.
Bachman, M. L.
Coachman, B. A.
Carver, H.
Carlis, John
Dutrl, H.
Garrison, Edward

November 3, 1890

Added to the pauper list was Celia Williams. Judge G. W. Willis was a J.P.

December 10, 1890

Samuel Hogans was rejected as a pauper applicant.

January 3, 1891

T. W. Shands, treasurer, Wm. Batty, Chairman, Members: J. M. Stephens, S. J. Clyatt, E. H. Brewer.

February 2, 1891

The safe has been robbed so they are shipping their safe to Morler Safe Co. in Cincinnati "to get the doors fixed."

March 2, 1891

Names from jury list:

Bean, M. F.
Bemus, Wm.
Huber, John
Scarbrough, S. E.
Wimer, John C.
Cook, A. D.
Felder, P. P.

April 6, 1891

Leo Hodges applies for license to run ferry from Asena Otie to Cedar Key. George T. Lucas granted license to do the same operation. H. A. Lowes' Landing is on Waccasassa Creek. Dr. S. Bean's place was 4½ miles south of Bronson.

John R. Marshall and J. G. Dean on the pauper list.

At this point, a great number of liquor licenses have been issued in Cedar Key.

May 2, 1891

George W. King was granted oyster permit.

July 6, 1891

W. H. Johns is on the pauper list. On tax list was the Peter Hale Est.

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